



# Trying to Choose a College or University?

Starting your search with the basics will help you identify the colleges that will best suit you academically *and* personally. Each of us has unique needs and values, and what is important to you may not matter to someone else. Take location, for instance. If you don't want to be more than 100 miles from home, then schools on the other side of the globe are out! The same goes for school size, cost, and other basic criteria. By identifying your needs early on, you can eliminate hundreds of schools and focus on the things that will make your school a perfect fit.

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## Websites You May Want to Visit

The Princeton Review

<http://www.princetonreview.com>

College Board

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

College View

<http://www.collegeview.com>

## Books You May Want to Read (Check the shelves at Dewey Number 378)

*Colleges that Change Lives: 40 Schools You Should Know About Even if You're Not a Straight-A Student* by Lauren Pope.

This book has a small-school bias. Use an added resource, not as your only source.

*Best 361 Colleges*, 2006 edition, by Princeton Review.

This book uses a 4-star rating system for quality of campus life, academics, selectivity and financial factors. Information is based on interviews with students.

*Insider's Guide to the Colleges*, 2006 by Yale Daily News.

Standard information plus things you won't find on the school's website – such as quality of cafeteria food.

## To Find More Information about choosing a school

In TEL, go to **Student Edition** or **Junior Edition - K12** and use the following search strategies:

College Admissions

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